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REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were pending in the present case.

In the Office Action of December 27, 2005, the Examiner had restricted the claims into four Groups. Applicants, in their response of April 7, 2006, elected, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group II (the compounds and compositions according to claim 1, Formula III, wherein R contains a non-heteroaryl/non-heterocycl moiety). (The present Office Action refers to it as R³, which actually should be R and not R³; see, for example, the Office Action of December 27, 2005 containing the restriction requirement, page 2). Additionally, the Examiner kindly indicated that the claims of Group IV would be rejoined. Accordingly, claims 1-15, 25, 26 and 27, and the rejoined scope of claims 16-24 are currently under prosecution.

Applicants believe that Claim 26 should not have been cancelled since claim 26 was still part of Group II and thus part of the elected invention as it is dependent on claim 25. Reinstatement of claim 26 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

The allowance of claims 1-5, 25 and 27 is gratefully acknowledged. As noted above, Applicants believe that claim 26, as part of Group II and dependent on Claim 25, is also in allowable condition, and such an action is earnestly requested.

As required by the Examiner, the non-elected scope has been cancelled from the claims in this amendment. With the present amendment, therefore, Applicants believe that claims 16-24, as rejoined claims, should also be allowable.

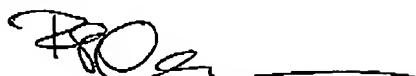
Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the cancelled claims and scope.

Early allowance of the claims on merit is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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